



St Botolph's Church, Colchester

20th June 2021

3rd Sunday after Trinity

Dear Friends,

This last week the Civic Society have officially unveiled the information board in the priory, (see last week's Newsletter). The short ceremony was attended by Sir Bob Russell and members of the Museum service and the Civic Society. This is another step forward in bringing the recognition of our historic Priory to the important status that it should have held for many years.

Thursday 17th. was St. Botolph's Day and on Sunday our service will be focused on our Church's dedication, do join us for another 'Words and Music service of Praise'.

Also, during last week, the Government have extended the period of current social distancing requirements until 19th July, which means that we must continue to wear masks, sanitise hands and social distance when in Church. Also, we are not permitted to sing, however we are able to enjoy the music provided by Philip and our small group of singers.

Today's Gospel from St. Mark's Gospel chapter 4, covers the account of the calming of the storm at sea, in the punch line towards the end, Jesus asks why were they so afraid, have they no faith? This surely is a message to us all today, if we have faith, we should not fear. Whilst we should all have concerns, that we follow the correct path in life, our faith should ensure that once a Christian path is defined for us, we should not fear to follow.

In the Welcome area at Church, there are a couple of copies of 'HOPE' a magazine published by Good News, (formerly known as Gideons UK) they are intended to bring comfort, reassurance and strength at this difficult time. Please do feel free to borrow one, and if you would like one to keep at home, we can obtain further copies.

To join Castle Methodist Sunday service, you will need to search YouTube for Castle Methodist Church, finding the one with the stained glass in the circle and the service can be found live a few minutes before 10.30 am each Sunday and at any time after then.

A range of options are available please have a look at Colchester Christ Church Facebook page.

Collect for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts
whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the
glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.